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Tribe.	*Sub-Tribe.*	*Clan.*
619 **Huteim** (*continued*):	*Beni Rashīd* (*continued*):	*Fehjāt* *Bedaunah*
101	*Jerābis.* Nr. Wejh	
622 **Sulubba**	*Seidān.* In Nejd *Ghaneimi.* In Nejd *Suleib* Ibn Mālik. In 'Irāq and the Hamād	
Hawāzin No Paramount Sheikh of their own tribe, that authority having passed to the Sultan of Koweit	*Kū'ah*	*Hadhālīn* *Bureikāt* *Shaqufah*
	Ghiyādh	*Malā'ibah* *Musāhimah* *Musā'idah* *Adhyeibāt* *Jawāsirah* *Muhālibah* *Muweijīyah* *Aghrubah* *Karāshah* *Sawābir*
Sunnā'. Smiths		
Nawār. Gipsies		

7. *The 'Uqeil*

485 575 The **'UQEIL** (Ageyl) are the guides and conductors of caravans in Arabia. They are not a tribe but an organization partaking of the nature of a club or society or a masonic lodge. They have no connexion with the ancient 'Uqeil tribe of the Ahl esh-Shimāl, from whom the Muntefiq claim descent; this seems to have disappeared and left no trace. The modern 'Uqeil are all Nejd Arabs, townsfolk or nomads of any tribe from Hasa, 'Āridh, Qasīm or Jebel Shammar; but men of Sedeir and the Wādi Dawāsir are not admitted; nor are members admitted from any of the big tribes, such as the Harb and Ateibah, who are engaged in interminable blood feuds, the object being to keep the 'Uqeil society neutral. Settled Beni Tamīm and Beni Khālid of Nejd and Qasīm are most suitable for its purposes. The head-quarters of the society are at Baghdad, and its president, who is always a native of Boreidah, lives at Baghdad and there enrols the members.

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The 'Uqeil are of two kinds: **Jemāmīl**, camel-men forming the fraternity of caravan leaders, and **Dhogorti**, poor men, pedlars and mercenaries, who help to compose an irregular cavalry under the Ottoman flag and serve as escort to the Hajj and as guards to the *kellas*, stations or halting-places, on the Hajj road. These last do not belong to the society. The true 'Uqeil are recognized throughout Arabia as professional guides whose presence vouches for a caravan of merchants or travellers and removes it from all suspicion of hostile intentions. It is the 'Uqeil who conduct the camel-trade of the desert, being employed by the dealers of Damascus to purchase from the tribes in Arabia, in the Syrian Desert, and in Mesopotamia.

Such an institution as this society, with universal freedom of passage, is essential to the conduct of business in Arabia, where no tribesman, unless he be engaged on a raiding expedition, dare venture outside his own tribal territory for fear of hereditary feuds and enmities which imperil his existence. The possible service they can render to European travellers is dealt with on p. 21. It is very dangerous for such a traveller to assume the character of an 'Uqeil: but Arabs, who wish to shield the caravan in which the traveller is from molestation, will sometimes impose it on him (this was done to Shakespear near Wādi el-'Arabah in 1914). His best course then is, on the approach of any stranger, to feign illness and remain rolled up, face and all.